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### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### **EVELYN CINTRON**

967 Sandanne Road Philadelphia, PA 19115

Plaintiff,

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

CIVIL ACTION NO: 19-4078

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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, a Municipal Corporation having principal offices located at its Law Department

1515 Arch Street, 14th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102

and

THE PHILADELPHIA POLICE
ATHLETIC LEAGUE, a 501(c)(3)

non-profit business entity doing in the City and County of Philadelphia, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,: having a main office in Philadelphia at 3068 Belgrade Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19134

and

JOSEPH SULLIVAN, individually and in his official capacity as

Deputy Police Commissioner 750 Race Street Philadelphia, PA 19106

Defendants

#### COMPLAINT

#### **JURISDICTION and VENUE**

Plaintiff brings this action under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C.
 § 2000e, as amended by §1981a (hereinafter, "Title VII"), 42 U.S.C. §1983, and

- §1988. Jurisdiction is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331 and §1343. The Court's Pendent jurisdiction is invoked pursuant to 28 USC §1367(a).
- 2. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) inasmuch as Plaintiffs' causes of action arose in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and all the Defendants are found in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

#### THE PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff **EVELYN CINTRON** is an adult, Hispanic female individual presently aged 52 years old and a citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania residing at 9674 Sandanne Road, Philadelphia, PA 19116.
- 4. Defendant CITY OF PHILADELPHIA is (hereinafter "CITY") is a Municipal Corporation located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, defined as a City of the First Class under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and having principal offices at its Law Department, located at 1515 Arch Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102. Defendant CITY owns, operates, manages and directs the Philadelphia Police Department (hereinafter "Police Department") as a Department of the City of Philadelphia which, in turn, employs the below-described Defendant. The Police Department has principal offices at the Police Administration Building, 750 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106.
- 5. Defendant POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (hereinafter "PAL"), is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization doing business in the City and County of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, having a main office located at 3068 Belgrade Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19134.
- 6. Although Defendant PAL is an independently organized non-profit organization, it

- functions as a unit and part of Defendant CITY's Philadelphia Police Department.
- 7. Defendant JOSEPH SULLIVAN (hereinafter "SULLIVAN") is an adult white male, and is an employee, servant, workman and/or agent of Defendant CITY and its Police Department as well as an employee, servant, workman and/or agent of Defendant PAL, having a principal office located at Police Administration Building, 750 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant SULLIVAN was employed by said Defendants CITY and PAL in a Supervisory Capacity as a Deputy Police Commissioner and, as such, was a policymaker for both Defendant CITY and its Police Department and Defendant PAL. Defendant SULLIVAN is being sued individually and in his official capacity as a Deputy Police Commissioner of said Police Department and PAL Supervisor.
- 8. At all times material hereto, Defendants CITY and its Police Department and Defendant PAL acted or failed to act through its authorized agents, servants, workmen and employees including, but not limited to, Defendant Sullivan, who was at all times then and there acting within the course and scope of his dual employment with both Defendants. Specifically, the Defendant CITY and PAL, as a matter of custom, policy and/or practice intentionally and deliberately failed to adequately train, supervise, discipline, or otherwise direct Defendant Sullivan concerning race and national origin discrimination and retaliation, thereby causing the individual Defendant in this case to engage in the unlawful and illegal conduct described herein.
- 9. At all times material hereto, Defendant Sullivan was acting in the course and

- scope of his agency and/or employment with and on behalf of and/or under the management, control and/or direction of both Defendant CITY and its Police Department and Defendant PAL, and his acts and failures to act were the acts and failures to act of both Defendant CITY and Defendant PAL.
- 10. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant CITY and its Police Department and Defendant PAL co-employed Defendant SULLIVAN and were, therefor coemployers.
- 11. At all times material hereto, the individual Defendant was acting intentionally, maliciously, and in reckless disregard of the Plaintiff's right to be free from race and national origin discrimination and retaliation.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

- 12. Plaintiff filed charges of sex and national origin discrimination and retaliation against the Defendants with the District Office of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Charge No. 530-2019-02982, on 22 May 2019.
- 13. Plaintiff also received a Notice of Right to Sue Within 90 Days from the U. S.

  Department of Justice dated 10 June 2019. A copy of the Notice of Right to Sue" is attached and marked as Exhibit "A".

#### BACKGROUND ALLEGATIONS

14. In June 2015, Plaintiff Cintron was selected by Defendant CITY's Police

Commissioner, Richard Ross, to be the Commanding Officer of the Philadelphia

Police Athletic League ("PAL"); at all times relevant hereto, she served at the

rank of Lieutenant and was the first Latina female to serve at that rank.

- 15. Defendant PAL is a collaborative effort between the Philadelphia Police

  Department and Defendant PAL, the non-profit organization; its leadership consists predominately of white males, including Defendant Sullivan, who are simultaneously members of Defendant CITY's Philadelphia Police Department and Defendant PAL.
- 16. In March 2018, D/C Patterson, an employee, workman and agent of both Defendants CITY and PAL, assigned Plaintiff Cintron a new supervisor, Defendant Joseph Sullivan, a newly-appointed D/C, and directed her to report to D/C Sullivan thereafter.

#### **OPERATIVE ALLEGATIONS**

- 17. In June 2015, Plaintiff Cintron was selected by Defendant CITY's Police

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  PAL; at all times relevant hereto, she served at the rank of Lieutenant and was
  the first Latina female to serve at that rank.
- 18. Initially, Plaintiff Cintron was directed to report to Deputy Commissioner ("D/C")

  Myron Patterson on day-to-day matters that he could handle and on other important matters.
- 19. Plaintiff Cintron's duties consisted of managing both the policing unit and Defendant CITY's police personnel while managing the day-to-day operations of Defendant PAL.
- 20. In March 2018, D/C Patterson assigned Plaintiff Cintron a new supervisor,

  Defendant Joseph Sullivan, a newly-appointed D/C, and directed her to report to

  D/C Sullivan thereafter.

- 21. During her tenure at Defendant PAL, Plaintiff Cintron objected to and reported to Defendant Sullivan numerous disparities in funding between those PAL centers that serviced primarily Black and Hispanic constituents (the young people who used PAL facilities and programs) and those that serviced the white communities, and noticed that the PAL centers for the latter received the most funding.
- 22. Plaintiff Cintron also reported to Defendant Sullivan numerous violations of departmental policies and the lack of supervision of subordinate staff.
- 23. Plaintiff Cintron also reported to Defendant Sullivan that local, state and federal laws were being violated regarding the unfair treatment of minority personnel, including, but not limited to, the disparity in distribution of overtime hours between minority and white personnel.
- 24. Generally, Plaintiff Cintron advocated to Defendants Sullivan, City and PAL for and on behalf of minority constituents, but her efforts were not heeded or addressed.
- 25. More specifically, Plaintiff Cintron complained, *inter alia*, about unsafe conditions in the Wissinoming PAL center and other centers that served predominantly minority youth.
- 26. She also complained about the disparity in the quality and quantity of charitable gifts, such as tickets to sports events provided to PAL centers by outside sources, to be distributed among PAL youth members and the PAL unit police officers.
- 27. In fact, D/C Sullivan once directed resources that might have been used with

- respect to minority and disadvantaged PAL centers to an Irish non-profit PAL center for which he personally advocated.
- 28. Plaintiff Cintron also reported to D/C Patterson, and therefore Defendants CITY and PAL, discriminatory conduct by Defendant Sullivan himself.
- However, when Plaintiff Cintron reported D/C Sullivan's discriminatory conduct to 29. D/C Patterson, who was generally supportive of her efforts advocating against discriminatory, D/C Patterson advised her to return to D/C Sullivan and deal with him; no remedial action was taken, although D/C Patterson continued to support Plaintiff's efforts.
- 30. Plaintiff Cintron orally complained to Defendant CITY's office of Equal Employment Opportunity about the discriminatory practices she had observed.
- 31. In response to efforts the Plaintiff's efforts to advocate on behalf of minority constituents and her having complained to D/C Patterson about D/C Sullivan's discriminatory conduct, D/C Sullivan ordered the Plaintiff never to go to D/C Patterson or Commissioner Ross with complaints, leaving the Plaintiff with no avenue to report his misconduct to his superiors.
- 32. In further response to efforts to advocate on behalf of minority constituents and her having complained to D/C Patterson about his discriminatory conduct, D/C Sullivan leveled false accusations about her work performance and disparaged and besmirched her reputation to third parties.
- In still further response to the Plaintiff's efforts and complaints as described 33. herein, D/C Sullivan urged and convinced other members of Defendant PAL's leadership to isolate her, exclude her from meetings and to treat her with general

- hostility.
- 34. Having been denied any avenue to report his misconduct to his superiors, the Plaintiff found her work conditions stressful and the work environment hostile and harmful.
- 35. As a direct and proximate result of the stressful and hostile work conditions imposed on her by Defendant Sullivan, the Plaintiff experienced panic attacks and such severe insomnia that she had to seek medical attention on several occasions to address it.
- 36. Plaintiff Cintron was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and acute depression caused by work-related stress, and was prescribed medication.
- 37. As a direct and proximate result of the stressful and hostile work conditions imposed on her by Defendant Sullivan, the Plaintiff was forced to take family medical leave from her job.
- 38. Furthermore, the Plaintiff had to seek long term psychiatric care and counseling.
- 39. The impact of the stressful and hostile work environment caused her by D/C Sullivan was so severe that the Plaintiff's doctor could not clear her for a return to work, and she was forced to retire after over twenty seven (27) years of service to Defendant CITY, twenty (20) years of which service was given to the Philadelphia Police Department.
- 40. The Plaintiff believes, and therefore avers, that she was subjected to the within-described hostile and discriminatory conduct because she is female and a Latina, the first female Latina to achieve the rank of Lieutenant with the Philadelphia Police Department.

#### FEDERAL CLAIMS

#### COUNT I: PLAINTIFF CINTRON -v- DEFENDANTS CITY OF PHILADELPHIA and POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (Violation to Title VII, 42 USC §2000e-2(a)(1)

- 1. The allegations in all preceding paragraphs are incorporated and made part of this paragraph as if fully set forth here.
- 2. The acts and/or failures to act of Defendant SULLIVAN, which were the acts and failures to act of Defendants CITY and PAL, discriminated against the Plaintiff in the terms and conditions of her employment and denied her of rights and/or protections secured to her by the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.
- 3. The acts and failures to act of Defendant SULLIVAN, which were the acts and failures to act of Defendants CITY and PAL, discriminated against the Plaintiff on the basis of her sex and her national origin, and constituted an unlawful employment practice in violation of 42 U.S. C. 2000e-1.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants CITY and PAL, individually and/or jointly, in a sum in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), and for reasonable attorneys fees pursuant to 42 USC §1988(b).

#### COUNT II: PLAINTIFF CINTRON -v- DEFENDANT CITY OF PHILADELPHIA and POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (Violation to Title VII, 42 §USC 2000e-2(a)(2)

- 4. The allegations in all preceding paragraphs are incorporated and made part of this paragraph as if fully set forth here.
- The acts and/or failures to act of of Defendant SULLIVAN, which were the acts 5. and failures to act of Defendants CITY and PAL, discriminated against the

- Plaintiff by serving to limit, segregate and classify her in a way which deprived her of employment opportunities and adversely affected her status as an employee because of her sex and national origin.
- 6. The acts and failures to act of Defendant SULLIVAN, which were the acts and failures to act of Defendants CITY and PAL, discriminated against the Plaintiff on the basis of her sex and national origin and constituted an unlawful employment practice in violation of 42 U. S. C. 2000e-2(a)(2).

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants CITY and PAL, individually and/or jointly, in a sum in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100.000.00), and for reasonable attorneys fees pursuant to 42 USC §1988(b).

# COUNT III: PLAINTIFF CINTRON -v- DEFENDANT CITY OF PHILADELPHIA and POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (VIOLATION OF TITLE VII, 42 U. S. C. §2000(e)-3(a))

- 7. The Allegations contained in all preceding Paragraphs are here incorporated and included by reference as if fully set forth here.
- 8. The acts and failures to act of Defendant SULLIVAN, as described herein, retaliated against the Plaintiff for complaining, *inter alia*, about race discrimination in the treatment of PAL centers and complaining about D/C Sullivan's discriminatory acts to his superior officer, D/C Patterson.
- 9. The acts and failures to act of Defendant SULLIVAN, which were the acts and failures to act of Defendants CITY and PAL, constituted an unlawful employment practice proscribed by 42 U. S. C. §2000e-3(a).
- 10. As a result of Defendant SULLIVAN's actions, and therefore Defendant CITY's and Defendant PAL's actions, the Plaintiff has and may be impaired in her

employment opportunities, and has suffered loss of income, loss of professional stature, mental anguish, embarrassment, humiliation, and loss of self-esteem in violation of 42 U. S. C. §2000(e)-3(a).

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays for Judgment against Defendants CITY and PAL, individually and/or jointly, for damages in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), and for reasonable attorneys fees pursuant to 42 USC §1988(b).

## Count IV: PLAINTIFF CINTRON -v- DEFENDANTS CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE and SULLIVAN (Violation of 42 U. S. C. §1983, 1st and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments)

- 11. The Allegations contained in all preceding Paragraphs are here incorporated and included by reference as if fully set forth here.
- 12. Defendants CITY and PAL each acted under color of law, and with deliberate indifference to the Plaintiff's rights to be free from retaliatory conduct by Defendant SULLIVAN, by failing to adequately train, supervise and instruct Defendant SULLIVAN in the illegality and impropriety of retaliating against employees for reporting incidents of race and employment discrimination.
- 13. Defendant SULLIVAN is liable, individually and professionally, for his retaliatory acts and failures to act as described herein.
- 14. Defendant CITY is strictly liable for the acts and failures to act of Defendant SULLIVAN, as described.
- 15. Defendant PAL is strictly liable for the acts and failures to act of Defendant SULLIVAN, as described.
- 16. As a result of said failure to train, supervise and instruct Defendant SULLIVAN, who then retaliated against the Plaintiff as described herein, the Plaintiff was

- deprived of her rights under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.
- 17. As a result of the Defendants' actions, the Plaintiff has and may be impaired in her employment opportunities, and has suffered loss of income, loss of professional stature, mental anguish, embarrassment, humiliation, and loss of self-esteem in violation of 42 U. S. C. §1983.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays for Judgment against the Defendants, individually and/or jointly, for damages in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), and for reasonable attorneys fees pursuant to 42 USC §1988(b).

#### STATE LAW CLAIMS: JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

## COUNT V: PLAINTIFF CINTRON -v- DEFENDANT CITY OF PHILADELPHIA and POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (Violation of 42 Pa. C. S. §955(a))

- 18. The allegations in all preceding paragraphs are incorporated and made part of this paragraph as if fully set forth here.
- 19. The Plaintiff was the best able and most competent to perform her services as a Lieutenant of Police for Defendant CITY and for Defendant PAL, which services she had performed for many years.
- 20. The acts and failures to act of Defendant SULLIVAN, which were the acts and failures to act of Defendants CITY and PAL, tended to discriminate against the Plaintiff with respect to compensation, hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of her employment on the basis of her sex and national origin.
- 21. The acts and failures to act of Defendant SULLIVAN, which were the acts and failures to act of Defendant CITY and PAL, constituted an unfair employment practice proscribed by 42 Pa. C. S. §955(a).

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants CITY and PAL, individually and/or jointly, in a sum in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), and for costs and reasonable attorneys fees as allowed by law.

#### COUNT VI: PLAINTIFF CINTRON -v- DEFENDANTS CITY OF PHILADELPHIA. POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE and SULLIVAN 43 Pa. C. S. §955(d)

- 22. The averments set forth in all preceding paragraphs are here incorporated here as if fully set forth here.
- 23. 43 Pa. C. S. §955(d) proscribes any person or employer from discriminating in any manner against any individual because such individual has opposed any practice forbidden by this act, or because such individual has made a charge, testified or assisted, in any manner, in any investigation, proceeding or hearing under this act.
- The Defendants, individually and jointly, intentionally and wilfully discriminated 24. and retaliated against the Plaintiff because she opposed discriminatory practices forbidden by 43 Pa. C. S. §955, all in violation of 43 Pa. C. S. §955(d).
- 25. As a result of the conduct of the Defendants, individually and/or jointly, the Plaintiff has suffered a loss of employment and income, loss of professional stature, mental anguish, embarrassment, humiliation, and loss of self-esteem.

**WHEREFORE**, the Plaintiff prays for Judgment against the Defendants, individually and/or jointly, for damages in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000,00), and for costs and reasonable attorneys fees as allowed by law.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac H. Green, Jr., Esquire Attorney for Plaintiff Cintron EEOC Form 161 (11/16)

#### U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

#### DISMISSAL AND NOTICE OF RIGHTS

То:	Evelyn Cint 9674 Sand Philadelphi	uon	rom:	Philadelphia District Office 801 Market Street Suite 1300 Philadelphia, PA 19107	
		On behalf of person(s) aggrieved whose identity is CONFIDENTIAL (29 CFR §1601.7(a))			·
EEO	C Charge No.	EEOC Representative		Telephone No.	
530-	-2019-02982	Legal Unit, Legal Technician		(215) 440-2828	
THE	EEOC IS CI	LOSING ITS FILE ON THIS CHARGE FOR THE FO	LLC	WING REASON:	
	The fa	acts alleged in the charge fail to state a claim under any of	the	statutes enforced by the EEOC.	
	Your	allegations did not involve a disability as defined by the An	neric	ans With Disabilities Act.	
	The F	Respondent employs less than the required number of emp	oloye	es or is not otherwise covered by the statutes.	
		charge was not timely filed with EEOC; in other word mination to file your charge	ds, y	ou waited too long after the date(s) of the alle	ged
	inforn	EEOC issues the following determination: Based upon in nation obtained establishes violations of the statutes. This atutes. No finding is made as to any other issues that mig	s do	es not certify that the respondent is in compliance v	the with

#### - NOTICE OF SUIT RIGHTS -

The EEOC has adopted the findings of the state or local fair employment practices agency that investigated this charge.

(See the additional information attached to this form.)

Title VII, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, or the Age
Discrimination in Employment Act: This will be the only notice of dismissal and of your right to sue that we will send you.
You may file a lawsuit against the respondent(s) under federal law based on this charge in federal or state court. Your lawsuit must be filed WITHIN 90 DAYS of your receipt of this notice; or your right to sue based on this charge will be lost. (The time limit for filing suit based on a claim under state law may be different.)

**Equal Pay Act (EPA):** EPA suits must be filed in federal or state court within 2 years (3 years for willful violations) of the alleged EPA underpayment. This means that backpay due for any violations that occurred <u>more than 2 years (3 years)</u> before you file suit may not be collectible.

On behalf of the Commission

EXHIBIT

Other (briefly state)

Jenis Williams

06/10/19

Jamie R. Williamson, District Director (Date Mailed)

Cc:

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